



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Management Track Assessment for Groundfish and Monkfish Stocks

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP) will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank winter flounder, Atlantic halibut, white hake, Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank haddock, northern and southern monkfish, southern New England/mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, pollock, and American plaice stocks. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the lead stock assessment analyst and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the AOP. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from September 19, 2022 – September 22, 2022. The meeting will conclude on September 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. eastern standard time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/hhv-ubdx-pef>).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the

Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population->

[assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic). For additional

information about the AOP meeting and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the

NMFS/NEFSC webpage at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid->

[atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments).

### **Daily Meeting Agenda – Management Track Peer Review Meeting**

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

*Monday, September 19, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Process	Michele Traver, Russ Brown, and Richard Merrick (Chair)
9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Input Data Changes Discussion/Questions	Russ Brown Review Panel
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Gulf of Maine winter flounder Discussion/Questions	Paul Nitschke Review Panel
11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Georges Bank winter flounder Discussion/Questions	Tony Wood Review Panel
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Atlantic halibut Discussion/Questions	Dan Hennen Review Panel
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Georges Bank haddock Discussion/Questions	Liz Brooks Review Panel
3:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Break	
4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/ Richard Merrick (Chair)
9:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	White hake Discussion/Questions	Kathy Sosebee Review Panel
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	White hake cont. Discussion/Questions	Kathy Sosebee Review Panel
12 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Monkfish (north and south) Discussion/Questions	Jon Deroba Review Panel
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Southern New England/mid- Atlantic yellowtail flounder Discussion/Questions	Chris Legault Review Panel
4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
5 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

*Wednesday, September 21, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/ Richard Merrick (Chair)
9:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Gulf of Maine haddock Discussion/Questions	Charles Perretti Review Panel
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Gulf of Maine haddock cont. Discussion/Questions	Charles Perretti Review Panel
12 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Pollock Discussion/Questions	Brian Linton Review Panel
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Pollock cont. Discussion/Questions	Brian Linton Review Panel
4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
5 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

*Thursday, September 22, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/ Richard Merrick (Chair)

Time	Activity	Lead
9:35 a.m. – 11 a.m.	American plaice Discussion/Questions	Larry Alade Review Panel
11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Public Comment	Public
11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Key Points/Follow ups	Review Panel
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Break	
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Report Writing	Review Panel
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

**Dated:** September 6, 2022.

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